

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3859 - HB 3976

March 16, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Education to report annually to the Senate and House Education Committees on the percentage of students currently enrolled in courses designed for prevention and intervention strategies in behavioral and emotional disorders.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Education will not require additional resources to carry out the provisions of this bill.
- This requirement could be handled through an email to each university offering these courses if the Division of Special Education does not currently have contracts with the Institutes of Higher Education (IHE).
- Many of the IHEs currently offer teacher training through contract agreement with the Division of Special Education. This information could be included within the Scope of Services at no additional cost.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director